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SUBJECT: ATIKOKAN POWER PROJECT -- MEDIA REACTION

1. PAGE 17 ARTICLE IN AUGUST 10 TABLOID TORONTO SUN  
HEADLINED "POWER PLANT WORRIES UNFOUNDED" REPORTS ONTARIO  
HYDRO REACTION TO U.S. SUGGESTION OF ADDITIONAL ONE  
HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH OF POLLUTION CONTROL  
EQUIPMENT AT THE PROPOSED ATIKOKAN GENERATING STATION  
AS AN "IRRESPONSIBLE...USE (OF) TAXPAYER MONEY." THE  
ENTIRE ARTICLE FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: A BIG STINK OVER NOTHING.

THAT'S ONTARIO HYDRO'S OPINION OF U.S. CONCERN  
OVER POLLUTION AT A PROPOSED POWER PROJECT NEAR THE  
MINNESOTA BORDER.

OFFICIALS OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE  
MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY ARE MEETING TOMORROW  
TO DISCUSS THEIR FEARS OVER SULPHUR DIOXIDE EMISSIONS  
FROM A PLANNED POWER PLANT AT ATIKOKAN.

THE DOLS 800 MILLION PROJECTS IS TO BE LOCATED 35 MILES  
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NORTHEAST OF THE MINNESOTA-ONTARIO BORDER.

YESTERDAY MINNESOTA GOVERNOR RUDY PERPICH ASKED THE  
STATE DEPARTMENT TO EXPRESS CONCERN IN THE "STRONGEST  
TERMS POSSIBLE."

HE'S WORRIED THAT THE PLANT'S EMISSIONS WILL EXCEED  
U.S. AIR-QUALITY STANDARDS AND DAMAGE SOIL AND LAKES.

WHAT HE WANTS IS THE ADDITION OF DOLS 100 MILLION WORTH OF

POLLUTION EQUIPMENT TO THE PLANT.

NO WAY, SAYS RON BARTHOLEMEW, ACTING COORDINATOR  
OF THE PROJECT.

"IT WOULD BE TOTALLY IRRESPONSIBLE FOR US TO USE  
TAXPAYER MONEY FOR SUCH A QUESTIONABLE CONCERN.

"AS IT IS THE PLANT WILL PRODUCE EMISSIONS FOUR TIMES  
BETTER THAN PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS REQUIRE," BARTHOMELEW  
SAID. UNQUOTE.  
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